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8 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
9 **NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA - OAKLAND DIVISION**  
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11 CRAIG YATES, an individual,

12 Plaintiff,

13 vs.

14 DELANO RETAIL PARTNERS LLC, et al.,

15 Defendants.  
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CASE NO. CV 10-03073-CW

**~~[PROPOSED]~~ ORDER GRANTING  
DEFENDANT'S APPLICATION TO MEET AND  
CONFER TELEPHONICALLY REGARDING  
ALL DISCOVERY DISPUTES**

**DISCOVERY MATTER**

Judge: Chief Magistrate Judge Marie-Elena James

Assigned to: Honorable Claudia Wilken

Trial Date: None Set

1 Having reviewed the Application to Meet and Confer Telephonically filed by counsel for  
2 defendant Arthur S. Becker, Trustee of the Arthur S. Becker Revocable Living Trust, and finding good  
3 cause therein, the Court rules as follow:

4 1. The parties are exempted from the Court's requirement that they meet and confer in  
5 person in an attempt to resolve discovery disputes before filing any discovery-related motions. The  
6 parties may meet and confer by telephone instead.

7 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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9 DATED: June 18, 2012, 2012

  
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Chief Magistrate Judge Marie-Elena James